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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Assistant Director/Special Activities

SUBJECT: NRP
(Security Policy - Directive No. 1 [redacted])

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REFERENCES: (A) [redacted] Memorandum for the
Record of Discussions with DD/R

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(B) OSA-3273-62 dtd 20 Nov 62, Memorandum for the
Assistant Director/OSA

1. In references (A) and (B) I highlighted my concern over the possible effect of the provisions of paragraph 6 of the Subject directive. In particular I expressed a fear that the paragraph could lessen our control over who is made privy to our projects and may hamstring our operations by requiring us to obtain the approval of the DNRG before we could brief a certain category of Government official.

2. I have given this matter further consideration and have concluded that by proper interpretation of the paragraph and by establishing the requirement that all requests for access approvals continue to be routed through the OSA Security Branch for a review from the operational security standpoint, our operations can continue with the same degree of efficiency as in the past. For your convenience the paragraph in question is quoted below.

"Approval of 'must-know' for all individuals associated with the NRP will be made by the Director, National Reconnaissance Office (DNRG) and specifically designated senior Program officials. Employees and officials of U. S. Government departments, agencies and offices who are not directly involved in the NRP but for whom access to NRP project information is deemed essential, must be approved by the DNRG or his designee. This includes policy officials of the U. S. Government who require knowledge of the reconnaissance effort but not the specific details of the separate projects."

a. Discussion. The DD/R and ASEA should immediately be designated "must-know" approving officials for [redacted] projects.

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b. OSA acting for these approving officials will continue, as in the past, to review "must-know" for Projects I, C, A & O, except requests generated by U. S. Government departments, agencies or offices for people not directly involved in the NRP but for whom access to NRP project information is deemed essential. The latter category of requests will be routed to the NRO for concurrence in the "need-to-know" and those approved will be directed to the CIA Special Security Center via OSA Security. (To maintain an effective Security program, it is imperative that OSA review these requests from the operational Security viewpoint prior to the granting of the clearance.)

c. With regard to CIA people outside of the DD/R, OSA will continue to review "need-to-know".

d. In the event the DCI, DD/R, ADRA or other appropriate senior Agency official desires to discuss project information with Government personnel who are not working on our projects from day to day but whose support is essential for the effective management of the project, then I suggest that individual will be construed as "associated with" the NRP and the OSA will approve his "need-to-know". (I suggest this is a logical interpretation since officials such as Hugh Dryden, Roger Hillman, [redacted] Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, etc., are not merely peripheral Government officials, but ones who must be briefed in depth by the DCI or his representative if we are to continue to achieve the tremendous intelligence collection efforts as in the past.)

e. Of course, as indicated above, miscellaneous State Department officials, for example, who are put in for clearance for our projects for such a reason as the case of the Deputy Undersecretary of State for Administration who periodically sits in on a conference with the Secretary of State, then that type of case very logically should be referred to the NRO for his concurrence and "need-to-know" and hopefully, he will concur in many such instances.

3. It is recommended that the attached memorandum for the Director of Security be signed.

SIGNED

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Chief, Security Branch
OSA

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